

Simeulue language

The **Simeulue language** is spoken by the Devayan people of Simeulue off the western coast of Sumatra, Indonesia.^{[1][3]}

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Names

Simeulue is also called *Mae o*, which literally means "Where are you going?". Ethnologue also lists *Long Bano*, *Simalur*, *Simeuloë*, and *Simulul* as alternate names.

Varieties

Simeulue is spoken in 5 of 8 subdistricts (*kecamatan*) of Simeulue Regency. It includes 2 dialects.^[4]

- **Defayan**: spoken in the 4 eastern subdistricts of Teupah Selatan, Simeulue Timur, Teupah Barat, and Teluk Dalam
- **Simolol** (prestige dialect): spoken around Kampung Aie, Simeulue Tengah

Simeulue is also spoken on Babi Island and the Banyak Islands.

Sikule, related to Nias, is spoken in Alafan on the western end of Simeulue, while Jamu (also called *Kamano*), related to Minangkabau, is spoken in the capital city of Sinabang.

See also

- Simeulue people
- Sikule language

References

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Simeulue	
<i>Long Bano</i>	
Native to	Indonesia
Region	Simeulue, Aceh, Sumatra
Ethnicity	Simeulue people
Native speakers	(undated figure of 30,000) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Northwest Sumatra–Barrier Islands<ul style="list-style-type: none">Simeulue
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	smr
Glottolog	sime1241 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/sime1241) ^[2]

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